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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Actuating and Locking Mechanism for a Surgical Tool

which is described and claimed in:

[ ] the attached specification  
 [ ] the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 [ ] PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicable) and amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
 and on \_\_\_\_\_

filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed 4 February 2000  
 under Article 19 PCT  
 under Article 34 PCT

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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<u>9902647.8</u>	<u>United Kingdom</u>	<u>5 February 1999</u>	[ ] yes [ ] no
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §1.20, of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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In consideration of the sum of one dollar(\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid to (each of) the undersigned, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, transfer and set over to:-

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, in the invention known as:  
Title: Actuating and Locking Mechanism for a Surgical Tool

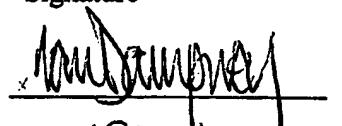
for which the undersigned has/have executed an application for patent in the United States of America, said application having been executed (filed) on and assigned serial No.

- 1) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing or divisional application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.
- 2) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or any continuing or divisional application(s) thereof and to co-operate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.
- 3) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Union for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.
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6). The undersigned hereby grant(s) the law firm of: Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP  
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